

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION AT COLUMBUS**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

: Case No. 2:17-cr-164 (6)  
also 2:20-cv-05731

- vs -

JOSE MANUEL ROMERO-PARADA,

District Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.  
Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

Defendant.

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**ORDER ADOPTING REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The Court has reviewed the Report and Recommendations of United States Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz (ECF No. 1458) to whom this case was referred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and noting that no objections have been filed thereto and that the time for filing such objections under Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b) has expired, hereby ADOPTS said Report and Recommendations.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that Defendant's Motion to Vacate under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 (ECF No. 1416) is dismissed with prejudice. Defendant is DENIED a certificate of appealability and the Court hereby certifies to the United States Court of Appeals that an appeal would be objectively frivolous and therefore should not be permitted to proceed in forma pauperis.

Pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 58, the Clerk shall enter judgment to this effect.

June 22, 2022.

s/Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.  
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District Judge Edmund A. Sargus, Jr.  
United States District Court